

## FISHER HEARING

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Louissou was asked by the Secretary if he had any grievances or facts bearing on the situation that he would like to give. Taking his place at the witness stand the Coffee King launched forth in an eloquent oration to the effect that all the islands need is a big tariff on coffee, and the farmers to raise coffee, whereupon all would become wealthy.

The Secretary informed him that he (the Secretary) had no power to regulate the tariff, and that he would not even venture to predict what Congress might do on that particular schedule. Undaunted, Louissou boldly began "prognosticating" just what Congress would do.

**Fisher on Tariff.**  
"I have to say right here frankly, Mr. Louissou, that I am in favor of the revision of the tariff downward. I am here to help solve your present difficulties—not those that may face you in case Congress changes some of the tariff laws."

For the third and last time Louissou started on his coffee tariff oration, but he did not complete the first sentence. Mr. Fisher asked him if he had any facts regarding the sugar cane situation in the district, or if he knew of any unfair dealings between the mills and the small planters. Abe didn't, so he was excused, very graciously, very politely and very firmly. The neighbors had applauded when Abe took the stand, and they said it was too bad, when he was excused, because he had a dandy oration fixed up—they knew, because they had heard it for years, and some had heard him rehearsing it and adding some extra fine touches as he walked up and down the road before the courthouse that afternoon, awaiting the Secretary's coming.

Manager Morrison of Honokaa plantation stated that his concern handled about 7000 acres of cane land, 3000 acres of which are government land. The mill also takes the cane from about 500 or 600 acres handled by sixty homesteaders, and he said that its profit on the homesteaders' cane last year was \$1261.49, or just about 10 per cent. of the value of the sugar produced from their crops. The plantation also rents some land from homesteaders, for which it pays an annual rental of \$3 to \$4 an acre.

**Urges 40-Acre Tracts.**  
He said he thought an American farmer would need at least 40 acres of irrigated land there to make a satisfactory living, if he were permitted to use water from the Hamakua ditch. Most of the government land is high, however, and will not grow good cane. Morrison characterized the cane raised on these lands as "very excellent grass."

J. A. Nobrega and Joe Vieira, Portuguese homesteaders who were dissatisfied with their treatment at the

hands of the Honokaa mill, testified that there were peculiar variations in the returns the various small growers got for their crops. The Secretary finally suggested that the mill check the results of his tests, and that they be allowed to see their cane weighed as it reached the mill or the cars.

The following morning Mr. Fisher and his party visited the highland farm of one of the homesteaders, where they found that the cane grown was just about what Morrison had said it was—very excellent grass—and no more.

### See Waipio Valley.

On the same morning the party journeyed from Honokaa down to the mouth of Waipio Valley, dismounting from their motor cars and walking down to a point of vantage, where they gazed on the beautiful scene depicted nearly 3000 feet below, the green farm lands stretching out to within a few hundred feet of the blue ocean. Then back to Honokaa and over the dusty stretch of road to Waimea, where the Secretary and Mrs. Fisher, Governor Frear, Mr. and Mrs. Mott-Smith, Private Secretary Meyer and Attorneys Olson and Hemmaway were given quarters at the A. W. Carter home; the Delegate, Attorney Ashford and the newspaper representatives stopping at the Waimea Hotel.

After lunch the members of the party visited various parts of the Parker Ranch, inspected the blooded livestock and witnessed some "broncho busting" by the cowboys of some nags that are to be sold to the army. Secretary Fisher, instead of joining this expedition, went down alone to the swimming pool constructed last year for the now Mrs. Thelma Parker Smart, and took a plunge. In the evening, in honor of the distinguished visitors, the young people held a dance at the courthouse, where Mr. Fisher's secretary, a young man from Ohio and Washington, D. C., got his first glimpse of the hula-hula dance.

**Talks at Kohala Club.**  
At the Kohala Club this afternoon Mr. Fisher talked with Manager John Hind of the Hawi Mill and Plantation Company; William Wilson, a luna on the Hawi plantation; James Sousa, storekeeper for the Kohala Sugar Co., and W. P. Blunt, superintendent of the Kohala Ditch Co.

One of the features of this hearing was Manager Hind's statement that, while no cane can be raised in the district without irrigation, the Kohala ditch can not supply, at present, sufficient water to permit his plantation to produce to full capacity.

The Hawi plantation, a family affair capitalized at \$300,000, but returning an annual dividend of about \$130,000 to \$140,000, could use about 15,000,000 gallons of water daily, Hind said. It is getting at present about 9,000,000 daily and gets an average of only 7,000,000 gallons per day. If he got the full amount of 15,000,000 gallons, he said, he would have none to spare for homesteaders.

Asked by Attorney Ashford about the Hukiaa Opiipau lands, government tracts for which thirty-four homestead applications have been made, Hind said these were absolutely unfitted for homesteading because they could not be handled without irrigation. They would be all right if the homesteader could get water, however.

The Kohala ditch is virtually owned by five big plantations, of which the Hawi is one. Hind said his mill takes the cane of about half a dozen small growers, who have 50 to 150 acres each, and that he pays \$4 a ton for it when sugar is 4 cents a pound in New York. He said he thought an American homesteader in the Kohala district would require about 20 acres of cane land to make a living, in case he could get irrigation and the year was good. If the farmer had to depend on average year, though, he should let the proposition alone.

### George Watt's Ideas.

George Watt said that the Kohala Sugar Company has about 3000 acres of cane land, some waste land and the Awini forest land, containing about 1000 acres. He thought an American homesteader would need 50 to 150 acres to make a decent living. His place pays a dividend of about 6 per cent. on the capitalization, in addition to \$50,000 to \$60,000 in annual repairs and improvements.

He handles cane lands on contract, furnishing seed, land, paying taxes, and the grower to plant, cultivate and harvest, delivering to the flumes. For that he pays the growers \$4.35 per ton. All his contracts are verbal, he asserted.

Sousa and Wilson are among the homestead applicants for the Hukiaa Opiipau lands. Both admitted they expect to make their living principally by working at their present jobs on the plantations for the next few years.

## CRICKETERS IN FINAL CONTEST

The final game of the cricket season is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at the Makiki oval, between the Benedicts and Batchelors. On paper the married men look stronger, but there is no telling whether they will prove so on the field.

Play starts at 2 sharp, with the following line-ups:

**Benedicts:**—H. G. Winkley, H. Flackman, Dr. Benz, L. G. Blackman, R. R. Catton, A. Dease, A. R. Hatzeld, J. R. M. McLean, J. C. McGill, D. L. Withington, J. M. Tucker, A. N. Other.  
**Batchelors:**—G. Marshall, J. Jobson, H. D. Young, J. Gardner, A. Bird, D. Thompson, L. Forrest, J. Kerr, T. A. Anderson, E. Anderson, C. F. Maxwell, S. J. C. Todd, J. A. Dunbar, R. C. Walker.

## \$130,000 OF HILO EXTENSION SOLD

Landslide of Olaa Stock at Low Price—Declines in McBryde

Today's stock and bond sheet is featured by sales of Hilo Extension sixes aggregating \$130,000, the largest block being \$50,000 and the smallest \$4,000 in six deals. Another notable phase is a small landslide of Olaa stock at the lately reduced figure of 6 flat, 470 shares being sold in six unequal blocks. McBryde registers the large total of 420 shares with fluctuating prices—100 in recess unchanged at 6 and 20 dropped an eighth on the board, followed by another eighth decline to 5.75 for three blocks of 100 each.

Onomea was unchanged at 58.50 in recess for 10 shares, but fell a quarter on the board for 50 shares. Brewery shows a gain of three-eighths in sales of 45, 10 and 25 between boards. Hilo Railroad common declined an eighth to 8.75 in recess for 125 and 75 shares. Pineapple maintained 44 for 10 and 20 shares. Walalua held its own at 120 for 10 and 5 shares reported. Hawaiian Commercial fell off a quarter to 43 for 10 shares on the board. Ewa is down a three-quarter point for trifles of 5 and 5 shares.

## ONCE MORE THE WINDJAMMER

With a bumper crop of barley estimated at 550,000 tons, California grain men stand to lose immense sums owing to the lack of tonnage for handling the crops. The utmost carrying capacity of all vessels in sight is between 50,000 and 60,000 tons. The ships of England and other nations, which formerly had ample space for the grain, have all their tonnage taken months ahead and most of them are engaged elsewhere at such high rates that they are not considering Pacific Coast shipments.

The situation in California is a sample of what pertains to the whole Coast, including British Columbia, and the scarcity of tonnage will be felt more acutely toward the end of the year, it is claimed.

Old sailing ships which had been towed to the Oakland estuary as obsolete in view of the growth of shipments by steamers a few years ago, are being overhauled and patched up to handle the grain in the absence of steamer tonnage. The estuary for the past six years has become a landmark because of the immense fleet of sailing ships which had been moored there to rot.

Among the boats are the Ferris S.

## DIVORCE COURT MAKES A NOISE LIKE RENO, NEV.

Honolulu will become a second Reno if the divorce crisis keeps up to the mark shown in today's court files. Maria Vierra is seeking riddance of Peter Kuwahara for desertion. Sumo Kuwahara is suing for divorce from Isuki Kuwahara, who has gone home to Japan. She accuses him of drinking and gambling, and says that before he went away she had to support him from her earnings.

Jane Kalaniwela Kalama complains that, though her husband, Samuel Kaaumana Kalama, is making wages of \$4 a day as a carpenter, he fails to support her and she wishes to be quit of him.

Tome Matsuda was wedded to Tomoshino Matsuda at the quarantine station, but he became jealous of her, she says, and under that influence treated her with shameful cruelty, hence she seeks deliverance from the matrimonial bonds.

Amoe Kawai petitions for divorce from Joseph Kawai on account of his alleged drunkenness and cruelty.

Thompson, Halcyon, Lurline, Reuce, Charmer, California, Sonoma, Balboa and a host of others, consisting of schooners, barks, brigantines and full-rigged ships.

Most of the vessels have been stripped of their boats and gear, but many of them have been kept up in a half interested manner. It was believed that the days of the windjammer were past and the whole fleet could have been bought for a song. Now even the worst of the old hulks is being hauled out and patched up to make a voyage or two, and some of them will be unable to pass the inspectors. The freight situation has brought the windjammers to the fore once more and they are as much in demand as they were before steamships became general.—Vancouver Sun.

**BEEF TRUST TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN AUSTRALIA**  
SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 12.—That the United States beef trust, concerning which so much discussion has been on throughout the commonwealth during the past month, is about to commence operations in Australia, was stated here today. The federal attorney general, Mr. Hughes, says that so far as he knows the commonwealth has no power to grapple effectively with such a trust.

George Clinton Paine of Elmira, N. Y., died recently at the age of 101.

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### WONDERED AT IT.

Jack—I hear that the wealthy Miss Mugg got squeezed hard in the stock market yesterday.  
Ethel—You don't say? And she's such a homely thing, too.

### WHAT IT LOSES.

Billy—Pa, what is an "abridged dictionary?"  
Pa—One that always has the word you want to look up omitted.—Judge.

### SHORT MARRIAGE SERVICE.

The Bedouin marriage does not take much time. The bridegroom cuts the throat of a sheep and spills the blood on the sand of his father-in-law's threshold and the wedding is over.

Occasionally a man's excuse for spending his evenings downtown is that he's married to the wrong woman.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha liner Shinyo Maru, due to depart from Honolulu for San Francisco on October 1, will carry the next mail to the mainland.

Herman J. Zeuck, nominated at Des Moines, Iowa, as progressive candidate from Congress from the Second Iowa district declined the nomination.

The will of the late Bishop Charles Chapman Grafton of the Protestant Episcopal church lists the personal property at \$1000. No real estate is listed.

During courtship it is possible for a man to write more in a love letter in five minutes than he can explain in five years after marriage.

# Grand Clearance Sale

## Beginning Saturday, Sept. 28

In order to make room for our HOLIDAY GOODS, which will shortly arrive from the Mainland centers and the Orient, we are disposing of our large stock of DRY and FANCY GOODS, and LADIES', CHILDREN'S, and GENTLEMEN'S WEAR at remarkably low prices.

We quote a few prices:

### Quilts

Regular, \$1.00 each	Sale Price, \$.75
Regular, \$1.25 each	Sale Price, \$1.00
Regular, \$1.50 each	Sale Price, \$1.15
Regular, \$2.50 each	Sale Price, \$2.00
Regular, \$3.00 each	Sale Price, \$2.35
Regular, \$3.50 each	Sale Price, \$2.75

### Towels

Regular, \$1.25 Dozen	Sale Price, \$.90	Regular, \$4.00 Dozen	Sale Price, \$3.25
Regular, \$2.00 Dozen	Sale Price, \$1.35	Regular, \$5.00 Dozen	Sale Price, \$4.00
Regular, \$2.50 Dozen	Sale Price, \$1.75	Regular, \$6.00 Dozen	Sale Price, \$4.50
Regular, \$3.00 Dozen	Sale Price, \$2.25	Regular, \$7.50 Dozen	Sale Price, \$6.00
Regular, \$3.50 Dozen	Sale Price, \$2.75		

Be sure to visit our Remnant Counter early, as these bargains will not last long.

### Sheets

Regular Price, \$.65	Sale Price, \$.50
Regular Price, \$.75	Sale Price, \$.60
Regular Price, \$.85	Sale Price, \$.70
Regular Price, \$1.00	Sale Price, \$.80
10-4 Size Sheeting at	30c a yard

Remember the Day:

## Saturday,

September 28th

Included in the Sale will be

### REMNANTS

from the goods sold during the past month.

### Ladies' Silk and Lisle Hose

Of excellent quality, all shades, regular 50 cent hose at

3 Pairs for a Dollar

There will be big reductions in all of the lines.

### Silk Ribbons

will go to you at very special bargains. This is a sale that should not be overlooked by thrifty buyers: It means a great saving of money all along the line.

Remember Saturday, Sept. 28

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